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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

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TAGS: BEXP, TS

SUBJ: OIM MARKET RESEARCH : TRIKI

REF: STATE 111447

1. EMBASSY AND TRIKI HAVE MADE REPEATED EFFORTS TO OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION FOR TRIKI TO CONVERT HIS PERSONAL FUNDS INTO ALGERIAN CURRENCY TO CARRY OUT MINIMUM NECESSARY RESEARCH ON THE SPOT IN ALGIERS. CENTRAL BANK POSITION FIRM IN REFUSING AUTHORIZATION DESPITE APPROVAL OF MARKET RESEARCH PROJECT FY FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. CENTRAL BANK HAS SUGGESTED THAT PROBLEM WOULD BE ELIMINATED IF PORTION OF CONTRACT OUTSIDE TUNISIA WAS FINANCED IN DOLLARS, WITH REMAINDER PAID IN TUNISIAN DINARS WHICH WOULD NOT HAVE TO BE CONVERTED. EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT CURRENT FUNDING DOES NOT RPT NOT PERMIT DOLLAR FINANCING OF ANY PART OF CONTRACT.

3. IN LIGHT ABOVE WE SERIOUSLY DOUBT WHETHER CONTRACT BASED ON CURRENT FUNDING ARRANGEMENT CAN BE CONCLUDED. THIS PROBLEM ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL CURRENTLY CONFRONTING SFCP PROGRAM AND FUNDS IN TUNISIA, ALL OF WHICH ARE UNDER DISCUSSION BETWEEN U.S. AND TUNISIAN OFFICIALS. WHILE DISCUSSIONS ARE UNDERWAY, WE SUGGEST USDOC DINAR-FINANCED  
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MARKET RESEARCH PROJECTS BE CONFINED TO TUNISIA

OR BE SUPPLEMENTED BY DOLLAR FINANCING FOR  
EXPENDITURES OUTSIDE TUNISIA. (FYI: TRIKI BELIEVES  
SUBJECT PROJECT COULD BE COMPLETED WITH APPROXIMATELY  
\$1750 EXPENDITURES OUTSIDE TUNISIA, BASED ON  
EXTREMELY FRUGAL LIVING IN ALGIERS).  
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